

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Robertson, Etori, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, \*Gides, \*DePoy and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo, and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Gides arrived at 5:33 PM and Alderman DePoy arrived at 5:40 PM.

President Notte called the adjourned meeting to order at 5:30 PM. President Notte noted the Board was there to discuss the FY 18 Fire Budget. President Notte also noted a time sensitive request to be added to the meeting from MFK Properties, on a Downtown RLF Subordination Agreement. President Notte asked the Board to add the request to their agenda. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Robertson). **Motion passed.**

President Notte then asked the Board's desire to the request. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded, (Allaire, Donahue) authorizing the mayor to sign the aforementioned subordinate agreement in front of us. **Motion passed.**

President Notte then noted the issue in front of them was the FY 18 Fire Budget and this, the third attempt to approve a budget. Alderman Etori introduced a draft resolution to present to the Board. There was lengthy debate on this resolution with Alderman Etori noting this was his attempt to moving the budget forward.

Alderman Etori read his entire resolution aloud to all present, at the end of the resolution, Alderman Etori so moved the reading of the resolution and moved to circulate for signatures. President Notte noted a motion had been made and seconded, President Notte then clarified that given the motion we will just assume that the motion is the language as presented, with fulltime meaning at least 7 fulltime firefighters responding. Debate.

There was affair amount of debate with the dollar figures presented within the resolution. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to amend the Total General Fund Budget amount presented in the resolution to \$20,357,316. Debate. The Board broke for several minutes while Treasurer Wilton double checked those figures. Upon reconvening and confirming the budget number the Board moved to approve the budget total presented by the Treasurer. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Etori then made a motion to strike the date reference in the last paragraph and replace it with hereby and he so moved. Alderman Allaire seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Etori then moved to strike from, *is staffed with* on, be replaced with *responds to calls consistent with current practice*, Alderman Etori so moved this change. Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

President Notte noted that the Board then had a resolution with amendments and asked for a very brief break to allow Attorney Romeo to make those changes and to bring back enough copies for all present.

Upon reconvening, President Notte noted the Board had a resolution with amendments and asked if there was anyone present who had anything else to say. There was brief congratulatory remarks from Board members and Seth Bride, union president of the Rutland City Fire Department. Alderman Tommola requested a roll call vote. President Notte asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Clerk Heck asked Attorney Romeo a brief question on a procedural matter.

Clerk Heck then called the roll.

Alderman Allaire	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Robertson	YES	
Alderman Etori	YES	
Alderman Tommola		NO
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Gides	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES one (1) NO **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis then moved to have the Chief report back to the BOA on a monthly base about staffing levels per shift, the makeup of those members present and responding. Alderman Tommola seconded. Alderman Larson asked that it be more specific than chief and requested that fire chief be used. **Motion passed.**

The Board adjourned at 7:31 PM. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck  
Rutland City Clerk